

Teens Read and Rescue

Once again, our community teens came to the rescue! This summer 88 teens read a total of 417 books for the Lynchburg Humane Society. Each book earned a \$1.00 donation for animals that now have a little more time to find the right family. A check for \$417.00 was provided with funds from The Friends of Lynchburg Public Library, one of the largest and most active volunteer library support groups in Virginia. We want to thank both the teens and the Friends for such a great effort.

Holiday Craft Workshops for Children of All Ages

Thanksgiving: Saturday, November 20.
Drop in between 2-4 p.m.

Christmas: Wednesday, December 22.
Drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.

We consider parents our partners.
Please attend the workshops or remain in the library.
Please check out Youth Services on our Web site.

www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary

We always have something planned for the
children of our community.

Lorry Risinger
Youth Services
434-455-6320



Sponsors Needed for Business Publications

The library currently subscribes to a number of business periodicals, such as **Value Line**, **Morningstar**, **Business Week**, and **Forbes**. As with everything else, prices on these periodicals are increasing. We are looking for a business to sponsor one or more of the periodicals. In return for the sponsorship, the library would put the business's name and address on the periodical it sponsors. This would be a win-win situation for the library and the business. Contact Jim Whalen at 455-6311 for details.



Support for United Way

The library had a total of 22 donors, and raised a total of \$4,129.00 this year. Thai'99 Restaurant generously donated two \$15 gift certificates; a drawing was held and Angela Harvey and Marilyn Martin were the lucky winners!

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Angel Tree for the Elderly

With the Holiday Season briskly approaching, the warmth of giving is in the air! Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group is gearing up for its fifth annual "Angel Tree for the Elderly" in Lynchburg. This unique program was founded four years ago by the Virginia based company and has since spread throughout its 23 branches in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Florida. The main library will participate this year by having an Angel Tree.

The basis of the program is to provide needy elderly in the community a warm, joyous holiday season from people who care about their well-being. Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, in cooperation with the Central Virginia Agency on Aging, provided needy elderly with wish lists for the Holidays. The wishes will then be placed on an Angel and hung from Angel Trees located around Lynchburg. People then select an angel, purchase the wish on the back, and wrap and return the gift by December 3 to the place where they picked the angel. Wish Lists can range from grocery gift certificates to blankets, robes, socks, money for prescription drugs, and other important necessities. Help make this a wonderful holiday for all! Visit the main library's Angel Tree. We can all strive to make this a better holiday season for the area's elderly.



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Lynchburg, VA 24501

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Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

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Information
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Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
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Teen Murder Mystery Game

Who Killed Mr. Stu Pidd?

Between September 20 and October 29, teens were asked WHO? HOW? WHY?

Teens were encouraged to read and then redeem the number of pages they read in return for clues that helped them solve the mystery. Those teens who solved the mystery by Friday, October 29 received an invitation to a Private Eye Pizza Party. Besides pizza, a mystery game allowed the detectives a chance to win a mystery prize. So then the big question became...WHO won the mystery prize?

Winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

CLOSED

Thursday, November 11 for staff training • Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving Holiday • Thursday, December 23 through Saturday, December 25 for Christmas Holidays • Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1, 2005 for New Year's Holiday

United Way Grant to Benefit Youth Reading

The United Way has been awarded an 18-month, \$875,000 federal grant for preschooler learning enhancement. A number of local agencies, including the library, city schools, and the Alliance for Families will work to improve kindergarten reading preparedness, i.e. knowing colors, numbers and concepts, for inner city children. The library proposed using its share of the grant to hire a storyteller to go into the inner city on a continuing basis. Check the next newsletter for more exciting details!

New Library Gardens

With the colors of fall approaching, the Lynchburg Public Library gave new life to most of the flower beds surrounding the library.

The tired overgrown flower beds beside Memorial Avenue and those in front of the library have been totally renovated thanks to the time, effort, and donations of several people. The new beds are all low-maintenance; the small beds are dry beds with cactus and succulents which will require little water. The large bed has blue rug junipers for ground cover and two white crepe myrtle bushes which will bloom in the summer time.

Money for the renovations was donated by Mary Lou Dodge in memory of her husband Charles Dodge; a small plaque will acknowledge the donation. The new beds, designed by Extension Agent Don Davis, were made possible by a cooperative effort from the city Building and Grounds staff, library employees and volunteers. Kirk Schultz, Diane Lilly, Isaac Davis and Dan Brennan from Buildings and Grounds were responsible for removing the overgrown bushes and excavating the area, delivering the much needed compost, mulch, and stones, and for cleanup. Plants were purchased from Rainfrost Nursery, many at a discount or donated.

Librarian Jim Whalen and Volunteer Coordinator Chris Verilla chose and picked up the plants, did the digging and planting and covered the beds with mulch.

Library patron Karen Patterson volunteered her time to help plant the smaller dry beds. Kevin and Tevin Hilliard and Jacob West, three 9-year olds who volunteered to help, provided the strong muscles to help move the gravel mulch onto the small beds. Many thanks to everyone who made the renovations possible!

Library History - SECOND IN A SERIES

By the early 1960's, the privately endowed Jones Memorial Library, which had been providing public library service to Lynchburg's white citizens since 1910, could not meet the library needs of a growing community. The Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library was formed for the express purpose of establishing a tax-supported public library that would be open to all citizens.

With its efforts strongly supported by the local newspaper and heartened by a citywide campaign that netted 5,000 dues-paying members, the Friends were ready to move. On March 23, 1965, 13 prominent business and civic leaders spoke before City Council (interestingly, they were all male) in a coordinated series of arguments for a library.

It was reported that after the fifth or sixth speaker, a Councilman threw up his hands, saying, "Give those people what they want!" The vote was unanimous.

The Friends had researched available properties and sources of revenue. Fortuitously, the State of Virginia had a program that provided "Demonstration Libraries" to communities without public libraries. Lynchburg had only to provide a building; the state would fill it with a 25,000-item starter collection, hire staff and pay all expenses for the first two years.

Possible sites included the Brown-Morrison Building on Main St.; R. E. Lee Junior

High (now the Lynchburg High Apartments on Park Ave.); the Miracle Mart Building on Langhorne Rd. (recently demolished to make way for Centra Health's new Cancer Center); and the city-owned 6-story C. B. Fleet Building on Commerce Street. Committee member Eliot Schewel went to New York to ask Penney's to donate their former store in the 800 block of Main Street; they refused. In the end, the Fleet building won out. Located adjacent to the Main Street parking deck, its 3rd floor was easily accessible from Main St.

The space was renovated, staff hired (David Rowland was the first director) and equipment and books readied. On April 16, 1966, with a gala celebration, the library opened. A bunting-clad bandstand was set up in the parking lot. Local dignitaries, U.S. Senator Willis Robertson and Librarian of Virginia Randolph Church spoke. The E. C. Glass Marching Band performed. True public library service had begun.

NEXT TIME: 1969 ASIAN AFFAIRS STUDY PROGRAM

Homeschooling Workshops

As homeschooling interest grows, so does the need for the library to provide programs that will support homeschooling parents and students. This fall the library has scheduled three homeschool workshops.

- October 1: Introducing Melvil Dewey (31 were in attendance)
- November 5: Introducing Useful Websites
- December 3: Introducing Reference Books (just in time for Christmas gifts)

If you are interested please call the Youth Services department for more information at 455-6320.

Employee Spotlight

Lynn Dodge, Library Director

Lynn Dodge recently celebrated her 30th anniversary as director of the Lynchburg Public Library. To mark the occasion, staff and friends surprised her with a party and an anniversary clock. In the thirty years Lynn has been at the helm, the library has seen significant changes. First housed in a downtown warehouse, the main library moved to the Plaza in 1984; the Downtown Branch/Public Law Library opened in 1987. The library has gone from card catalog to computer catalog to providing Internet access to 175+ people a day. With the addition of computers, books on tape, CDs and videos, along with an increasing variety of programs for children and adults, the library has become a welcoming place for patrons and employees alike.

Lynn was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Her family moved to Gastonia, NC in 1955 and to Lynchburg in 1960 when her father joined Old Dominion Box Company. She graduated from E.C. Glass High School and Meredith College, and earned her Masters in Library Science in 1969 from UNC-CH. Her first position was with the Henrico County Public Library; she was hired for the director's position in Lynchburg in 1974.

In her leisure time, Lynn likes to read and to visit historical sites, and she follows the Braves and ACC basketball. Cruising is her favorite form of transportation – she has been to the Caribbean, Alaska and up the coast of Maine.

The day Lynn's parents took her to college, her father advised her that no matter what degrees she earned, if, when she began her career, she did not enjoy getting up and going to work, he said, she should not be afraid to seek something else. Life is too short and too much of it spent in work to not enjoy what one does. Happily, she has enjoyed her work in public libraries. Lynn says, "I've always worked with a great staff, enjoyed strong community support, especially through the Friends of the Library, and knew we were providing an invaluable service." Lynchburg's citizens have benefited from Lynn's commitment to the library and community.



Grandparents and Grandchildren Connect

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Many grandparents may not know the rules and positions for soccer, how to play a computer game or understand the lyrics to popular music...but they do know how to read. It is this amazing skill that is giving grandparents something to talk about with their grandchildren. And it's so simple!

Ask your grandchild what he or she is reading. Then come to the library and check out that same title yourself. Discuss the book next time you visit, talk on the telephone or email each other. For younger children, have their parents take them to the library to check out some picture books. Check out the same books yourself then read them aloud over the telephone as your grandchildren follow along looking at the pictures.

In a time when long distances have made it difficult for children to grow up with their grandparents, this little special project is a simple way to keep in touch. In addition, you will be helping your grandchildren develop good reading and listening skills as you spend quality time together. And just think how impressed your grandchildren will be that you know all the characters in *Charlotte's Web* or *A Wrinkle in Time*.

If your grandchildren are not reading something...suggest one of your favorite books or ask a children's librarian for suggestions. There is a book for every age, interest, gender, and grandparent. Keep in touch with your grandchildren by sharing a book.

Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

Membership Drive Underway

The 2005 Friends membership drive has begun. Renewal letters have been sent to the current membership. These were followed by a Lynchburg City water bill insert in October. Here is yet another chance to help your public library. Tear off this form, fill it out and mail your membership to us today. Our first newsletter in the new year will include a list of all current Friends members. Thank you for your generous support of the library.

Judy Hengerer, Friends Corresponding Secretary

Yes! I want to support the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

<input type="checkbox"/> Household	\$10.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	\$25.00	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$250.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$50.00	\$ _____	New life members receive tote bag		

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Make checks payable to Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library (FLPL).

Mail to FLPL, 2315 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501

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